

Wallace Hall Update – 26.11.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School

Dumfries & Galloway remain in level 2 restrictions for another week but there was mention from the First Minister that we may go down to level 1 in the next week or two if the numbers keep going down.

The lead up to Christmas will be very different this year due to the COVID19 measures in place. We will be sending letters out about specific arrangements to parents of ELC, Primary and Academy parents, within the next week.

Although most people are following the rules, we can sense a feeling of fatigue amongst pupils with regards to the measures in place in school and we will be monitoring this closely and will need to put sanctions on any repeat offenders, particularly in relation to the wearing of face coverings, wiping down their work spaces and washing hands/using hand sanitiser.

You, as parents, can help to support us by reminding your child(ren) about the measures and ensuring that they leave home with an appropriate face covering.

Please remember that, should your child display symptoms, you should keep them at home until they have been tested. If you are unsure about their symptoms please keep your child at home until you have spoken to your GP or to the NHS Team by phone on 111. They will advise you on whether your child should have a COVID test.

Likewise, if a household member display symptoms, any other household members should self-isolate until the person has been tested. Please do not send your child(ren) to school in this situation.

Testing for COVID-19 and Self-Isolating

Please remember that if your child(ren) are off school because they, or a member of your household, is being tested for COVID-19, you must let the school know of the result at the earliest opportunity, and at least **BEFORE** they return to school.

We would really appreciate it if you could keep us informed of any testing or test result, whether for our pupil or someone in their household.

Ventilation in School Buildings

Following the information we sent out before the holidays regarding the need for windows to be open in classrooms, we would like to remind you to ensure your child(ren) brings a warm jumper which they will be allowed to wear in class when it is cold. However, school uniform must still be worn.

Cold Weather Arrangements

Unless the weather is very wet we will always be encouraging pupils to spend as much time outdoors as possible before school, during break and lunchtime. Please ensure that your child(ren) have warm jackets to wear.

Safe Route to School

We would like to remind all parents/carers about the importance of all children using the identified safe route to school at the beginning and end of the day. Please stress to your child/children that they must only cross the roads leading to school with the appropriate crossing patrol person. Crossing without an adult's supervision at the old Primary School building on Station Road is not suggested by the school as this is not the designated safe crossing. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult to support them to be safe on their journey to and from school.

Wearing of face coverings on public/school transport and in shops

All pupils, over the age of 5 **must** wear a face covering when travelling on either public or school transport, including school minibuses. They **must** also wear face coverings when they are both queuing to get in, and inside any shops. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an appropriate face covering and explain that there are vulnerable people around who may be at a higher risk if they were to catch the COVID 19 virus. Anyone with breathing difficulties or another medical reason for not wearing a mask is exempt. Please let us know if this is the case for your child(ren).

Phase 2 Risk Assessment – Re-opening of Schools

This is a working document and we welcome any feedback from parents on this. If you have any concerns regarding the health & safety of your children, please do get in touch with us via the school email addresses. We will be reviewing it on a weekly basis and will upload a copy of the updated version (along with the date) to the website when changes are made.